

**18,650-Ton Tanker Is Launched**

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CHESTER, Pa., April 27—The Esso Richmond of 18,650 tons, one of the largest tankers ever constructed at the Sun Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company's yard here was launched today, ten days ahead of schedule. The vessel was sponsored by Mrs. Harry C. Wiess, wife of the president of the Humble Oil and Refining Company, the owners.